

Earth Day 2006

News Release

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RHODE ISLANDERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

Several Scheduled for April 22nd in Bristol County

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management and the Earth Day Rhode Island Committee encourage all Rhode Islanders to roll up their sleeves and join a neighborhood cleanup in celebration of Earth Day 2006. More than 100 cleanups are planned throughout the state during April. Cleanups scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in Bristol County include:

- ♦ **Barrington** - Meet: Bay Spring Community Center at 10am. For more information contact Gwen Hofmann 246-1759 or gwenhof@aol.com. Sponsored by Bay Spring Neighborhood Watch
- ♦ **Warren** - Meet: Warren Recreation Park Pavilion, Hugh Cole Rd. 9am. For more information contact Jane Harrison 245-1095 or janeharrison@fullchannel.net. Sponsored by the Warren Conservation Commission.
- ♦ **Warren** - Meet: LPIA Luther Memorial Playground at 9am. For more information contact Janis Urban 453-8493. Sponsored by the Laurel Park Improvement Association.

The Earth Day Rhode Island Committee will host Rhode Island's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-5pm at the Warwick Mall. Free Transportation to the Earth Day Festival from Kennedy Plaza to Warwick Mall on RIPTA routes 22 & 30. Ask for your free ride Earth Day sticker at the Kennedy Plaza Information Booth while supplies last. Spend the day with environmental organizations focused on a wide range of global and local conservation issues and learn how to practice environmental stewardship in your own backyard to positively impact the earth. There will be informative displays and hands-on exhibits, free give-a-ways and family entertainment – featuring an appearance by Ponaganset High School Fuel Cell Powered Band - Protium, free give-a-ways, Big Nazo characters and more. Meet NBC 10 Meteorologist Dylan Dryer at 10:30 am.

Earth Day in Rhode Island is coordinated by Earth Day RI and DEM. Co-sponsors include Warwick Rhode Island, NBC 10, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Verizon, TransCanada's Ocean State Power facility, Amgen, American Power Conversion, CVS Pharmacy, Waste Xpress, AAA of Southern New England, and RI State Energy Office.

Earth Day RI supports and promotes year round environmental education and awareness in the Ocean State. The organization encourages Rhode Islanders to raise their environmental consciousness by committing to "Take 3" steps to improve their environment. "Take 3" is a call to action which suggests dozens of ways to save energy, conserve water, reduce waste and respect nature. For further information about Take 3 and other Earth Day RI-sponsored programs and activities, please visit www.earthdayri.org.